

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-15 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-16 are rejected. Claim 16 is cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 14 and 15 are amended herein. No new matter has been added. The drawings have been objected to and have been responded to in a submission of proposed drawing amendments filed herewith.

DRAWINGS

The drawings of the present Application are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.84(p) because the Figure legends are poor. Enclosed herein are corrected Formal Drawings. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 14-16 are objected to because of an informality. The term "method" in Claims 14 and 15 has been replaced with the word "apparatus," thereby correcting the informality. Claim 16 has been cancelled herein without prejudice.

PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 5 and 6 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 6 and 7 of co-pending U.S. Patent Applicant No. 09/867,595. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR

§1.321 is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1, 7, 9, 13 and 14 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created (nonstatutory) doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 7, 9, 13 and 14 of co-pending U.S. Patent Applicant No. 09/867,595. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Version 5.0, April 2001, Sun Microsystems, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "iPlanet" reference).

Applicants respectfully submit that the inventors of the above-mentioned application conceived and invented the subject matter disclosed in above mentioned reference iPlanet. A declaration under 37 CFR. §1.132 attesting to this is being filed concurrently with this response. Accordingly, the features of the above-mentioned application as recited in Claims 1-15 are not anticipated by the above mentioned reference iPlanet and Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1-15 is overcome.

CONCLUSION

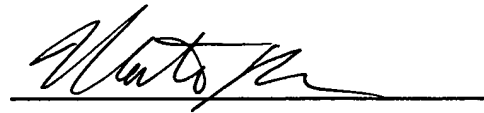
Based on the amendments and arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-15 are allowable and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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